

**ARIZONA MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION
TELECONFERENCE MEETING
Tuesday, July 10, 2007 1:00 PM
1700 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007**

MINUTES SUMMARY

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins called the meeting to order at 1:25 PM

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

- Lisa Atkins, Co-chair, Greater Phoenix Leadership
- Tom Finnegan, Co-Chair, Ft. Huachuca 50
- Dr. William Carrell, Tucson
- Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale
- Michael Francis, West Valley Community Action Coalition
- Monsignor Richard O'Keeffe, Yuma
- Supervisor Lenore Stuart, Yuma County
- Mayor Larry Nelson, Yuma
- Bruce Heiden, Buckeye
- Leyton Woolf, Waddell – teleconference
- John Weil, Yuma – teleconference

Commissioners Absent:

- Supervisor Patrick Call, Cochise County
- Mayor Robert Walkup, Tucson
- Priscilla Storm, Tucson

Staff Members Present:

- Deb Sydenham, Arizona Department of Commerce
- Sherri Lee, Arizona Department of Commerce
- June Sinclair, Arizona Department of Commerce
- Mike Landry, Arizona Department of Veterans' Services

APPROVAL of MINUTES – November 30, 2006 and December 5, 2006

November 30, 2006 – Motion for approval of minutes was made by Mayor Nelson and seconded by Supervisor Stuart – motion was carried and minutes approved

December 5, 2006 - Motion for approval of minutes was made by Mayor Nelson and seconded by Supervisor Stuart – motion was carried and minutes approved

STATUS of 2005/2006 PRIVATE PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS and PROJECT UPDATES

PRIVATE PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS: Mr. Mike Landry, Arizona Department of Veterans' Services provided the 2005/2006 Military Installation Fund Private Property Acquisition Summary spreadsheet outlining the funds available for the eight properties approved for acquisition and the balance remaining. Of the eight approved, Mills, Loper, Lane and Burbage have accepted offers in writing or verbally and the acquisition process should be finalized within the next 30 days, The Lakin, Cross Point Church and Goodson properties are still in the negotiation process. Acquisition cost for this year will be 4.4 million with a balance of 1.737 million remaining plus accrued interest. Ms Deb Sydenham informed the commission that after meeting with Commerce, the Veterans Service and the State GAO; interest accrued on monies will cover all cost in the appraisal process.

PROJECT UPDATES: Ms Sherri Lee, Arizona Department of Commerce gave the project updates as follows:

- City of Tucson – The project application was declined by the Commission at the November 29, 2006 meeting.
- City of Goodyear – Because the City was unable to come to closure with prospective sellers and unable to negotiate further with any of the land owners and Mr. Iwanski does not have the authority to withdraw the application, the decision regarding the application was deferred to the Commission. The Commission decided to decline the application and Commerce will send out a letter

requesting that they reapply when their situation changes. A motion was made by Dr. Bill Carrell and seconded by Supervisor Lenore Stuart and unanimously approved.

- Vail School District – Valley High School is unable to move their project forward because of the need to wait for KB Homes (the adjacent parcel) to complete their development of home sites providing electric, sewer and water lines for Vail to connect to. They therefore request the Commission keep their file open until the necessary infrastructure is in place. There are currently no rules in place to address this situation. Mayor Larry Nelson made a motion to defer the decision until the next Commission meeting; seconded by Mr. Michael Francis and unanimously approved.
- City of Yuma – Project final design is progressing as planned for the phase North of and including 40th Street. Invoices for the design work are expected to begin arriving on a monthly basis.

MILITARY INSTALLATION FUND APPLICATIONS and REPORT from Sherri Lee, MIF Program Manager, Department of Commerce

Military Installation Funds Available:

- Fund interest accrued through 6/27/07 is \$1,048,510.39; and general fund deposits for 05/06/07 give a current balance in the fund of \$15,523,510.39. Upon meeting with the State GAO it was decided to breakdown the funds into the three separate funding categories for Private Property Purchases, Jurisdictional Project-Property Purchases and the Jurisdictional Preservation Enhancement Projects but the interest will continue to accrue on the full fund. A motion was made by Co-Chair Thomas Finnegan to transfer the unused balance from the Jurisdictional Project-Property fund into the Private Property Purchase for the acquisition of more properties available this funding period; it was seconded by Supervisor Lenore Stuart and unanimously approved. Less monies for approved projects both for 05/06 and 2007 and the transferred funds, the final balance is \$5,935,042.00 for additional property acquisitions.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – RATIFICATION OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MILITARY INSTALLATION FUND (MIF) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY ACQUISITION

In a motion made by Supervisor Lenore Stuart and seconded by Mayor Larry Nelson, the Commission unanimously ratified the Arizona Department of Commerce Military Installation Fund (MIF) Recommendations for the acquisition of the private property proposed on April 4, 2006.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no questions or comments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved for adjournment at 1:09 PM.

*Appointed by the Governor – Will become a voting member when appointment paperwork is completed.